

What is claimed is:

1 1. A wide-angle, single focus lens comprising four lenses of negative, positive, negative, and  
2 positive refractive power, in sequential order from the object side, wherein:

3 the first lens is concave on the object side;

4 the second lens has at least one surface that is aspheric;

5 the fourth lens is convex on the image side and has at least one of its surfaces aspheric;

6 and

7 the following conditions are satisfied

8 
$$-2.0 < f / f_1 < -0.5$$

9 
$$0.5 < f / f_2 < 2.0$$

10 
$$0.5 < f / f_4 < 2.0$$

11 where

12 f is the focal length of the wide-angle, single focus lens,

13 f<sub>1</sub> is the focal length of the first lens in order from the object side,

14 f<sub>2</sub> is the focal length of the second lens in order from the object side, and

15 f<sub>4</sub> is the focal length of the fourth lens, in order from the object side.

1 2. The wide-angle, single focus lens as described in Claim 1, wherein the first, third and fourth  
2 lenses are each formed of a single lens element and the following conditions are also satisfied:

3 
$$N_d1 < 1.65$$

4 
$$N_d3 > 1.70$$

5            $N_d4 < 1.65$

6            $\nu_d3 < 50$

7            $\nu_d4 > 50$

8       where

9            $N_d1$  is the index of refraction, at the d line, of the first lens element,

10           $N_d3$  is the index of refraction, at the d line, of the third lens element,

11           $N_d4$  is the index of refraction, at the d line, of the fourth lens element,

12           $\nu_d3$  is the Abbe number, at the d line, of the third lens element, and

13           $\nu_d4$  is the Abbe number, at the d line, of the fourth lens element.

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5           f is the focal length of the wide-angle, single focus lens, and

6            $f_1$  is the focal length of the first lens in order from the object side.

1       5. The wide-angle, single focus lens as described in Claim 3, wherein the following condition is  
2       satisfied:

3            $0.5 < f / f_2 < 2.0$

4       where

5           f is the focal length of the wide-angle, single focus lens, and

6            $f_2$  is the focal length of the second lens in order from the object side.

1       6. The wide-angle, single focus lens as described in Claim 3, wherein the following condition is  
2       satisfied:

3            $0.5 < f / f_4 < 2.0$

4       where

5           f is the focal length of the wide-angle, single focus lens, and

6            $f_4$  is the focal length of the fourth lens in order from the object side.